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1. CLAUDE SALLE OF THE INSTITUT FRANCAIS DU PETROLE
MET WITH SCICON TO DISCUSS PROPOSED CONTRACT BETWEEN
IFP AND US GEOLOGICAL SURVEY FOR JOINT USE OF IFP
RESEARCH VESSEL TO GATHER GEOPHYSICAL DATA ON SOUTH-
EAST GEORGIA EMBAYMENT AND BLAKE PLATEAU. BOTH THOUGHT
THAT GIVEN LIMITED TIMEFRAME IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE FOR
THE USGS TO FORWARD A DRAFT CONTRACT AS SOON AS CON-
VENIENT. THIS WOULD GIVE IFP TIME TO CONSIDER THE
DRAFT BEFORE ARRIVAL OF USGS EXPERT IN JUNE.

2. SALLE AND DIRECTOR OF IFP BALACEANU ARE VERY PLEASED
AT THE PROSPECT OF THE USGS - IFP COOPERATION. BOTH
SIDES, HE SAID, WILL PROFIT BY SHARING HEAVY COSTS OF
OPERATING VESSEL ON OCEAN. HE THOUGHT IT WAS DESIRABLE
THAT VISITING USGS OFFICIAL COMING IN JUNE INSPECT
THE IFP VESSEL (THE FLORENCE), WHICH IS DOCKED AT ROYAN,
NEAR BORDEAUX, AS WELL AS MEETING IFP PERSONNEL AT PARIS.
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